GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:24
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2007
SUPPLY OF WHEAT TO STATES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have requested for an increase in the supply of wheat to their States, this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has decided to increase the supply of wheat to the States particularly to Gujarat;

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the extent of increase demanded and allocated and the time by which it is likely to be supplied;

(e) whether the said increase is likely to be met through imports; and

(f) if so, the steps initiated in this regard so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 24 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 13.08.2007 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Requests have been received from a number of States for an increase in the allocation of wheat for Above Poverty Line (APL) category under Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS). A Statement of such requests received since January, 2007, is annexed (Annex-A).

(c)&(d): Keeping in view the position of stock of wheat in the Central Pool, requests received from the States have been considered and adhoc allocations of wheat have been made as given in the Statement annexed (Annexe-B). Such an adhoc additional allocations has also been made to Gujarat State.

(e)&(f): The additional allocations have been made from the available stocks in the Central Pool. To augment the domestically procured stock, the Government has already taken a decision to import upto 50 lakh tons of wheat in 2007-08.